



## Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, October 13, 2014, 6:00 PM Clarendon District One Board Room

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### Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.  
Vice Chairman, W.J. Frierson, Sr.  
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson  
Councilman, AC English  
County Administrator, David W. Epperson  
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

**Absent:** Councilman, Benton Blakely

**Press in attendance:** Bobby Baker, The Manning Times and Jim Hilley, The Item

### Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Charlotte Johnston	Dennis & Vicki Kropf	Becky Bryant
John Truluck	Frank Davis	Emily Luther	Gregory Holliday
Linda & Archie Lemon	Steven Roddey	And other Citizens of Clarendon County	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Stewart asked for an approval to amend the agenda, adding and approving a Resolution from the South Carolina Association of Counties to express that the South Carolina General Assembly increase the Allocation to the Local Government Fund.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to amend the agenda, adding and approving a Resolution from the South Carolina Association of Counties requesting the General Assembly to increase the Local Government Fund Allocation.

### II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting, which was held on September 8, 2014 with minor corrections and the Special Called Meeting, which was held on September 16, 2014.

### III. Resolution

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a check from the South Carolina Forestry Commission in the amount of \$ 10,067. He stated that this amount represents Clarendon County's Portion of the total revenues from the sale of timber.

Chairman Stewart stated that he needed a motion to accept the check and divide the amount evenly between the three school districts.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to accept the check from the SC Forestry Commission and divide it evenly between the Clarendon County School Districts 1, 2, and 3.

#### **IV. Board Appointment**

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Mr. Donald Bethune to the Clarendon County Assessment Appeals Board to serve a term of one year.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint Mr. William T. Benton, Mr. Harold W. Allan, and Ms. Henrietta Campbell to the Clarendon County Behavioral Health Services Board.

#### **V. Resolutions**

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Resolution Authorizing the Execution and delivery of a Lease Purchase Agreement between Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department and the South Carolina Association of Counties. He stated that this purchase agreement was approved in the budget during the budgeting process.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Resolution authorizing the Execution and delivery of a Lease Purchase Agreement.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Resolution from the Water and Sewer Department to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department and the South Carolina Association of Counties.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Resolution from the Water and Sewer Department to approve the Memorandum of understanding and Agreement between Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department and the South Carolina Association of Counties.

#### **VI. Requests**

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request from the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). He stated that the VVA is requesting to park a Van at the Administration Building to be used to take Veterans to doctor's appointments.

- Mr. Dennis Kropf stated that the van would not cost the County any money. He continued by stating that Mr. Leon Richburg found the van for the Veterans and he said that Mr. Richburg has done more for Veterans than all of the other VA Representatives combined. Mr. Kropf further stated that the van would be driven by certified drivers and the insurance and gas expenses would be paid for by Veterans Administration.
- Mrs. Becky Bryant stated that there are over 2,000 veterans in the County and this van would eliminate family members getting off work to take someone to the doctor. She concluded by stating that they are only asking for a place to park the van when it is not being used.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval giving the Vietnam Veterans of America authorization to park the Van at the Administration Building when not in use.

#### **VII. Clarendon County Transportation Committee**

Chairman Stewart stated that the Transportation Committee (CCTC) was now in session. The CCTC was called to Order at 6:16 pm.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request to purchase culverts in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. He stated that these culverts would be used by the Public Works Department to maintain drainage in ditches.

On Motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval giving Administrator Epperson the authorization to purchase culverts in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Chairman Stewart stated that the meeting of the Clarendon County Transportation Committee would close. The CCTC closed at 6:17 pm.

#### **VIII. Ordinance 2014-05**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2014-05, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of not exceeding, in the Aggregate, \$650,000 in General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, to be used to fund one or more Capital Projects, including the Purchase of Fire Protection Vehicle and related equipment; Authorizing the County Administrator to prescribe the forms and details of the Bonds; Providing for the payment of the Bonds and the disposition of the proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for borrowing in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds; Providing for the acceptance of Grant related to the Capital Projects related to the Bonds; and other related matters.

#### **IX. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2014-04**

Chairman Stewart opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2014-04, at 6:19 pm. An Ordinance authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement and an Infrastructure Credit Agreement Providing for payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes and an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and between Clarendon County, South Carolina and a company or companies known to the County at this time collectively as "Project Peak": and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Stewart stated that Mr. John Truluck, Mr. Steven Roddey, and Ms. Emily Luther were present to answer any questions anyone may have.

Chairman Stewart stated that if there were no questions, the public hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:21 pm.

#### **X. Ordinance 2014-04**

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2014-04, , an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement and an Infrastructure Credit Agreement providing for payment for a Fee In Lieu of Taxes and an Infrastructure Credit by and between Clarendon County, South Carolina and a Company or Companies known to the County at this time collectively as "Project Peak" and other matters related thereto.

#### **XI. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2014-03**

Chairman Stewart opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2014-03, at 6:22 pm. an Ordinance to update the Clarendon County Unified Development Codes (UDC).

Ms. Maria Rose, Planning Director, stated that the updates are recommendations from the Clarendon County Planning Commission in reference to Junk and Salvage Yards, the Airport Compatibility District, and an increase in Building Construction Permits and fees. She concluded by stating that this update would also correct some typographic errors.

Chairman Stewart stated that if there were no questions, the public hearing for Ordinance 2014-03 would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:24 pm.

## **XII. Ordinance 2014-03**

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-03, an Ordinance to update the Clarendon County Unified Development Codes (UDC).

## **XIII. Financial Report**

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$4,782,787 year-to-date and Revenue figures were not available.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$178,691 and Operating Expenses of \$152,189 as of September 30, 2014. He stated that after depreciation and interest expense, the Water and Sewer Department had a Net Utility Loss of \$41,418.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium had Total Revenue of \$2,735, Total Expenses of \$34,406 and a deficit of \$31,671.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund had an uncommitted balance of \$758,819 as of August 2014.

## **XIV. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the Renovation of the Courthouse is ongoing. He stated that the removal and replacement of damaged trusses began last week.

He continued by giving Council an update on the following:

### **Water Projects:**

- Phase 1B – The project has been solicited and bids have been received and Alliance Engineering is negotiating with the lowest bidders. He continued by stating that the construction came in over budget and we are waiting on approval from USDA to re-bid the project.
- Phase 1C – Plans are finalized and waiting on permit.
- Phase II – Signups are still being accepted and we are waiting on the letter of conditions from USDA

### **Other Projects:**

- E-Waste Recycling – E-Waste has been sorted and moved to the landfill.
- Road Paving – Bids for 2014 paving have been received
- 2014 Taxes – 2014 Real Estate Tax Bills have been mailed.

Administrator Epperson concluded his report by stating that Kent Bicycle would be having their Grand Opening on October 15, 2014.

## **VIII. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that Governor Nikki Haley would be attending the Grand Opening of Kent Bicycle. He concluded by stating that he would be having dinner with the Board of Clarendon Memorial Hospital.

#### **IX. Executive Session**

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a Legal Briefing on School Funding derived from a Clarendon School District 3 Board Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session for a Legal Briefing on School Funding. The Executive Session began at 6:42 pm.

#### **X. Open Session**

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:38 pm.

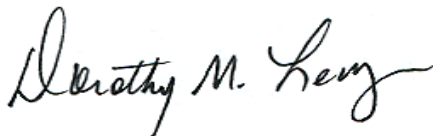
Chairman Stewart stated that no action would be taken

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 7.41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

